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In re Application of

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For: VIDEO APPLIANCE, HOLDING DEVICE, AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF HOLDING DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following specification changes as noted below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 7, 12 and 14 below:

7. (Amended) The CRT holding device of claim 3, wherein said rib section has a section shaped like a gutter having a groove.

12. (Amended) The video appliance of claim 10, wherein said rib section has a section shaped like a gutter having a groove.

14. (Amended) The video appliance of claim 8, further comprising a front panel attached to a screen surface side of the CRT.

Please add new claims 25-28 below:

25. (New) The video appliance of claim 11, wherein said rib section has a section shaped like a gutter having a groove.

26. (New) The video appliance of claim 25, further comprising a degaussing coil disposed in the groove of said rib section.

27. (New) The video appliance of claim 10, further comprising a front panel attached to a screen surface side of the CRT.

28. (New) The video appliance of claim 11, further comprising a front panel attached to a screen surface side of the CRT.

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 remain herein. Claims 7, 12 and 14 have been amended and claims 25-28 added.

Examination of this application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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one of magnesium alloy, aluminum alloy, and zinc alloy.

7. The CRT holding device of claim 3, ~~4, 5, or 6,~~ wherein said rib section has a section shaped like a gutter having a groove.

8. A video appliance comprising a rib section for holding a cathode-ray tube (CRT) from a rear side of the CRT, said rib section having a shape similar to a shape of a funnel of the CRT,.

9. The video appliance of claim 8, wherein said rib section has ribs extending in a plurality of directions, respectively.

10. A video appliance comprising:

a rib section having a shape similar to a shape of a funnel of a cathode-ray tube (CRT); and

a frame formed unitarily with said rib section, said frame having a shape corresponding to a shape of a panel of the CRT,

wherein said rib section and frame hold the CRT from a rear side of the CRT.

11. A video appliance comprising:

a rib section having a shape similar to a shape of a funnel of a cathode-ray tube (CRT);

a frame having a shape corresponding to a shape of a panel of the CRT; and

a support base linked to at least one of said rib section and frame,

wherein the CRT is held in self-standing manner from a rear side of the

CRT.

12. The video appliance of claim 10 ~~or 11~~, wherein said rib section has a section shaped like a gutter having a groove.

13. The video appliance of claim 12, further comprising a degaussing coil disposed in the groove of said rib section.

14. The video appliance of claim 8, ~~9, 10, 11, 12, or 13,~~ further comprising a front panel attached to a screen surface side of the CRT.

15. A cathode-ray tube (CRT) holding device comprising:

a rib section for holding a CRT from a rear side of the CRT, said rib section having a shape similar to a shape of a funnel of the CRT; and

a runner section for pouring injection material from an injection molding machine, said runner section being provided as a part of said rib section.

16. A cathode-ray tube (CRT) holding device comprising:

a rib section having a shape corresponding to a shape of a funnel of a CRT;

a frame formed unitarily with said rib section, said frame having a shape corresponding to a shape of a panel of the CRT; and

a runner section for pouring injection material from an injection molding machine, said runner section being provided as a part of the rib section.

17. A cathode-ray tube (CRT) holding device comprising:

a rib section having a shape corresponding to a shape of a funnel of a